



2016-2017 Dress Code

Philosophy: The Saint Francis dress code reflects the Christian and academic atmosphere of the school. Student attire should reflect pride in the person and in the school, and dress should be moderate and in good taste. The administration and the faculty will monitor student compliance with the code. The Deans reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of a student's general appearance and compliance with the code. The administration of Saint Francis has ultimate authority to change the dress code when necessary.

The following regulations are to be observed by all students. Note that the dress code is in effect during the school day when a student arrives on campus, until the school day ends, and whenever students are in classroom buildings.

General appearance: All students should be well groomed and appropriately attired at all school-related activities. Specifically, clothing must be neat, clean, modest and in good taste at all times. Extreme fashion in dress or hairstyle is inappropriate for school. Clothing with inappropriate words, graphics, symbols, decorations or references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or sex is not acceptable. Students whose appearance is judged out of dress code by the faculty or Deans will be subject to the disciplinary policies of the school.

Injured Students: Any student needing to modify the dress code due to an injury must request this modification through the Dean's Office prior to returning to school.

Pants and shorts: Pants must be full length, neat and properly fitted. Capri pants, if mid-calf and properly fitted, are acceptable school pants. Only school uniform shorts are permitted. Shorts must reach the top of the knee.

Not acceptable: Overalls, fatigues, camouflage, form-fitting (lycra, knit, spandex, jeggings, or skinny jeans) or excessively baggy pants, athletic wear, warm-ups, blue jeans or pants that look like blue jeans, sweats or sweat-type pants or pants and skirts that are tattered, faded, bleached or frayed.

Shirts, tops, and blouses: Collared shirts with sleeves are required for boys, and must be buttoned up and tucked in at all times. Words or graphics on shirts are limited to pocket-sized logos or Saint Francis High School graphics. Turtlenecks are also acceptable school tops. Girls may wear tops without collars if they are modest in appearance, are not low-cut and cover the midriff. **All shirts/tops must have sleeves, including one which is worn under a shirt/top.** Shirts worn over inappropriate shirts/dresses do not make the shirt/dress acceptable.

Not acceptable: Crew-neck shirts, T-shirts, mock turtlenecks, athletic jerseys, denim shirts, tube tops, tank tops, halter tops, crop-tops, **transparent or sheer tops** and form-fitting or low-cut tops of any kind.

Skirts/dresses: Skirts and dresses with sleeves are acceptable school attire if they conform to the fit and length expectations of the school. Skirts and dresses must be appropriate for school, modest in fit. Skirts and dresses must touch the knee, even if worn over leggings or tights. Skorts and culottes are acceptable if they conform to the regulations of fit and length of regular skirts.

Not acceptable: Halter dresses, jean dresses or skirts, sundresses, strapless dresses, low-cut dresses, high-slits on skirts or immodest skirts or dresses of any kind. Shirts worn over inappropriate dresses do not make the dress acceptable.

Outerwear: Jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts are appropriate school outerwear if they conform to the dress regulations of appropriate fit and good taste. Only Saint Francis sweatshirts, college sweatshirts or plain sweatshirts are acceptable. All jackets, sweatshirts or coats may be worn only as outerwear over dress-code attire. No outerwear or other clothing may be tied around the waist.

Shoes: Shoes or dress sandals must be worn at all times.

Not acceptable: Rubber or plastic thongs or athletic sandals.

Hair: Hair is to be neatly groomed at all times. Extreme hairstyles (Mohawks, Mohawk fade, etc.) colors or hair decorations are unacceptable. Male students may not wear their hair longer than the top of the collar nor extend below the eyebrows or below the ears. Male students are expected to be clean-shaven daily.

Restricted items: The following specific items are regulated or restricted:

1. No hats, caps or visors of any type are to be worn on campus by any student during the school day;
2. Sunglasses may not be worn on campus during the school day;
3. No chains may be attached to clothing or backpacks;
4. Body piercing, nose rings or posts, or tattoos that are visible are unacceptable for all students;
5. Spike earrings and large holes in ear lobes are unacceptable and earrings must conform to the standards of good taste and appropriateness;
6. Military or camouflage clothing of any kind is not permitted;
7. Blue jeans or pants that look like blue jeans are not permitted;
8. Denim shirts, skirts, dresses or jackets are not permitted;
9. Words or graphics on shirts and outerwear are limited to pocket- sized logos or Saint Francis High School graphics.

Liturgy/Special Occasion Wardrobe

In keeping with appropriate dress and respect for certain occasions and events, Saint Francis will require students to dress more formally on specific designated days. These days will be announced in advance, and students will be expected to adjust to these guidelines for the school day. The ASB and Student Council proposed this wardrobe as a way to promote school spirit with a logo shirt/blouse and sweater that joins us with our Holy Cross brothers and sisters in New Orleans, San Antonio, Sherman Oaks, and elsewhere around the world, and makes it easy for students to dress on these Liturgy/Special Occasion Wardrobe days at school.

Boys: White dress shirt with school logo, and either khaki or chocolate brown school sweater with logo (*purchased exclusively from Land's End*) with khaki or dark slacks, **and** a tie or bow tie of their choosing. No slippers or flip-flops allowed.

Girls: White blouse with school logo, and either a khaki or chocolate brown v-neck or cardigan sweater with school logo (*purchased exclusively from Land's End*) with khaki or dark slacks, **or** a full-length skirt of their choosing, no tie. (*Khaki or black dress skirt from Lands' End also available if students do not want to wear their own full-length skirt.*) No slippers or flip-flops allowed.

Note: Please purchase by August 5th in order to received clothes to wear September 2nd for Liturgy.